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**Declaration For U.S. Patent Application**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled (INSERT TITLE) ORGANISM-COMPATIBLE MATERIALS WITH COMBINED EXTRA-CELLULAR MATRICES, EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX PREPARATIONS AND PRODUCTION METHODS the specification of which

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1.  is attached hereto.
2.  was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as  
International PCT Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)
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U.S. Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed:

(List prior  
foreign  
applications )

| <u>2000-200610</u> | <u>Japan</u> | <u>03/07/2000</u>      | Priority Claimed  |
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| (Number)           | (Country)    | (Day/Month/Year Filed) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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\_\_\_\_\_ See attached list for additional prior foreign applications

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120, of any United States patent application listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Application Serial No.)      \_\_\_\_\_ (Filing Date)      \_\_\_\_\_ (Status)

And I hereby appoint as principal attorney and agent Ronald J. Kubovcik, Reg. No. 25,401; and Keiko T. Kubovcik, Reg. No. 40,428.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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TRANSMITTAL OF ASSERTION OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Assistant Commissioner

For Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

July 2, 2001

Sir:

The applicants claim small entity status as provided under 37 CFR §1.27(a)(1). An executed Assertion of Entitlement to Small Entity Status is attached hereto.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this matter the Commissioner is authorized to debit our Deposit Account No. 111833.

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## ASSERTION OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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Title of the Invention: ORGANISM-COMPATIBLE MATERIALS COMBINED  
EXTRA-CELLULAR MATRICES. EXTRACELLULAR-MATRIX PREPARATIONS.  
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Submitted herewith

I (We), Kikuji YAMASHITA, am(are) entitled to small entity Status with respect to the above-identified application as (a) person(s) as defined under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(1).

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